

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004. The current status of the claims follows. Claims 1-48 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-46 are allowed by the Examiner, and Claims 47-48 are objected. Claims 47 and 48 have been amended herein. Reconsideration of objections is respectfully requested.

The Examiner accepted the corrections made to Fig. 1 and recommended the service of a professional patent draftsman to prepare the formal drawing for submission. The drawings submitted herewith are prepared by a professional patent draftsman with the request to replace the drawings submitted earlier. No new matter is introduced.

The Examiner noticed in the Preliminary Amendment that was submitted by the Applicant on January 5, 2004 a typographical error in the specification. By this amendment the Applicant corrects the wrong paragraph number of the replaced paragraph.

The Examiner stated that the title of the patent application is not descriptive and suggested to change the title. The Applicant changed the title to make it more descriptive of the invention's novelty.

The Examiner objected to claims 47 and 48 due to the "intended use language" informalities. The Applicant amended claims 47 and 48 according to the Examiner's recommendations. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner has identified claims 1-46 as allowable subject matter.

It is believed that all the matters raised by the Examiner were addressed and the subject application with all pending claims is now in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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